(ii) which is not recognised in authoritative Homoeopathic literature as efficacious under the conditions recommended; or

(iii) a combination of Homoeopathic medicines containing one or more medicines which are not specified in any of the Pharmacopoeias referred to in clause (i) as Homoeopathic medicines and also not recognised in authoritative Homoeopathic literature as efficacious under the conditions recommended.

Import, sale and distribution of Pentakaran

7. SHRI B. V. ABDULLA KOYA : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have allowed import, sale and distribution of homoeopathic medicine, Pentakaran;

(b) if so, what are the details of the permission in this regard;

(c) whether it is a fact that the Drug Controller of India had cleared the import of this product in October, 1988 and March, 1989; and

(d) if so, what are the reasons therefor and whether Government propose to fix responsibility in this regard ; if not, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI RAFIQUE ALAM) : (a) to (d) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of Sabha.

Co-operation with the USSR in the field of Science and Technology

8. SHRI BAIKUNTHA NATH SAHU : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government has a proposal to further increase co-operation with the USSR in the field of Science and Technology;

(b) if so, the details of the plan drawing up by both the countries for the purpose; and

(c) the efforts made by both the countries to implement the said plan ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF OCEAN DEVELOPMENT, ATOMIC ENERGY, ELECTRONICS AND SPACE (SHRI K.R. NARAYANAN) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) The Second meeting of Indo-Soviet Joint Council for the implementation of Integrated Long Term Programme of Cooperation (ILTP) in Science & Technology was held on 2-4 July, 1989 in KISHINEV, USSR to jointly review the Programme signed by the Prime Minister, Shri Rajiv Gandhi and Mr. M.S. Gorbachev on July, 3, 1987 in Moscow.

Implementation of ILTP and intensification of Science & Technology Cooperation between the two contries was discussed during this meeting. Leading scientists of both the countries participated in these discussions and detailed programmes of interaction were evolved in the areas of Bio-technology and Immunology, Material Science & Technology, Laser Science & Technology, Catalysis, Synchrotron Radiation Sources, Theoretical and Applied Mechanics, Earth Sciences, Radio-physics & Astrophysics, Chemical Sciences and Biology Sciences.

It has been agreed to work out a joint Science & Technology Programme in Applied areas under the aegis of the Indo-Soviet Sub-Commission for Science and Technology.